

# Report to the Community



## Quarterly Report

April 1 to June 30, 2006

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## At a Glance

### **BMCW activity April 1 through June 30, 2006 as of June 30, 2006\***

- 8,491** Calls received by Intake 220-SAFE (YTD: 16,893)
  - 122** Family cases transferred to Ongoing Case Management (YTD: 270)
  - 170** Family cases transferred to in-home Safety Services (YTD: 359)
  - 56** Families referred to Family Intervention Support and Services (FISS) (YTD: 124)
- 2,742** Children in an Out-of-Home Care placement
  - 290** (11%) Children placed in a relative licensed foster home
  - 796** (29%) Children placed with relatives on a CHIPS court order
  - 925** (32%) Children placed in a non-relative licensed foster home
  - 47** (2%) Children placed in a pre-adoptive home (licensed foster home)
- 3,728** Children with relatives not involved with BMCW receiving Kinship Care subsidies
- 625** Children remain at home under the court's jurisdiction on a court order of supervision
- 799** Active foster homes

### **Permanency Achieved:**

- 177** Children were reunified (YTD: 277) as of 5/31/06
- 54** Children achieved permanency through transfer of guardianship (YTD: 70)
- 99** Children were adopted (YTD: 159)
- 128** Children achieved permanency through the Subsidized Guardianship program

\* Information based on eWiSACWIS data and program reports as of 6/30/06 may change pending further validation.

## Higher Level of Care

At times the needs of children who have been abused or neglected are such that they cannot be cared for by foster families. After a careful assessment of the child's needs, the child may be moved to a *higher level of care* under the following options:

**Treatment Foster Care:** Treatment foster care (TFC) is appropriate for children who have emotional, behavior, or physical problems that require foster parents who have special expertise in handling or treating those needs. Most frequently, children placed in TFCs have medical or behavior treatment needs. The TFC parents are required to complete more training than regular foster homes. TFC parents are recruited, licensed, trained, and supported by one of the TFC agencies. As of January, the BMCW had children placed with 15 TFC agencies. BMCW ongoing case managers are responsible for case management when a child is placed in a TFC.

**Group Homes:** Group homes are appropriate for children and adolescents ages 12 to 17 who require a structured living arrangement because they cannot function in a family setting. Most group homes provide structured daily outings and teach independent living skills. Group homes are licensed by the Bureau of Regulation and Licensing within the Division of Children and Family Services under Wisconsin administrative code and are allowed to care for 5 to 8 children. Licensure includes meeting standards on facilities, minimum staffing required, and staff training.

**Residential Care Centers for Children and Youth (RCCCY):** Residential Care Centers for Children and Youth (also known as Residential Treatment Centers) are for children who require intensive care. Children are placed in RCCCYs only by court-order. RCCCYs provide both placement and treatment services and have therapists on staff. Examples of when a child would be placed in a RCCCY include:

- the child has had multiple placements from least restrictive to most restrictive that have not resulted in behavioral improvements;
- the child is a danger to self or others;
- the child is a sexual predator or is drug/alcohol dependent, and
- the child needs to have a controlled environment before treatment can be administered.

An alternative to RCCCY is to provide Wraparound Milwaukee services. Wraparound provides intensive psychological services to children diagnosed with extreme emotional disturbance and to their families/foster families. The goal of Wraparound is to stabilize the child in the community. If this cannot happen, the child may be placed in RCCCY with Wraparound services continuing.

### Current Status of Children in Higher Level of Care

As of June 31, 2006 there are 518 children in higher level of care placements:

- 67 children are placed in residential treatment centers (RCCCYs), of which 33 are receiving Wraparound services;
- 100 children are placed in group homes, of which 26 are receiving Wraparound services;
- 340 children are placed in treatment foster homes, of which 67 are receiving Wraparound services;
- 11 children are placed in regular foster homes and receiving Wraparound services; and
- 69 children are residing in their parental home and receiving Wraparound services.

Over the last 18 months, there has been a 12% increase in placements of children in treatment foster care, which accounts for the overall increase in higher level of care placements. The table below highlights the number of children in a higher level of care placement for the past 18 months:

